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Gram Nyayalayas
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States in the country which have set up Gram Nyayalayas in rural areas;
(b) whether the delivery of justice through Gram Nyayalayas is faster than ordinary courts and if so, the details thereof;
(c) the details of funds allocated and released to the States for setting up of Gram Nyayalayas in the country; and
(d) the other steps being taken to provide speedy justice in rural areas?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a) : As per information made available by State Governments / High Courts, 320 Gram Nyayalayas have been notified so far by 11 States, out of these, 204 are operational in 8 States at present.

(b): The Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008 provides special procedure for both criminal and civil disputes. Section 19 (1) of the Act inter-alia provides for summary procedure for criminal offences. Section 24 of the Act inter-alia provides that hearing shall be continued on day to day basis until its conclusion and that suit, claim, application, filed under the Act shall be disposed of within a period of six months from the date of its institution. The data on institution and disposal of cases in Gram Nyayalayas is not maintained centrally.

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(c) : State-wise details the financial assistance provided so far to State Governments for setting up of Gram Nyayalayas are as under:
(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Financial Assistance sanctioned
1	Madhya Pradesh	1819.00
2	Rajasthan	1240.98
3	Karnataka	25.20
4	Orissa	337.40
5	Maharashtra	258.80
6	Jharkhand	75.60
7	Goa	25.20
8	Punjab	25.20
9	Haryana	25.20
10	Uttar Pradesh	627.42
11.	Kerala	375.00
Total		4835.00

(d) : The issues affecting operationalization of the Gram Nyayalayas were discussed in the Conference of Chief Justices of High Courts and Chief Ministers of the States on 7th April, 2013. It was decided in the Conference that the State Governments and High Courts should decide the question of establishment of Gram Nyayalayas wherever feasible, taking into account their local problems.